

Dear Director Hatfield and Members of the Energy Advisory Council,

I encourage you to set a goal in state energy strategy to reduce exports of our energy dollars from 66% (almost \$4 billion annually!), to 50% by 2023. This relatively minor and attainable reduction will create over \$1 billion of economic wealth each year in our state. While there are lots of ways to reach this goal, here at the Green Alliance, we would like to suggest some strategies that we feel can work:

- A. A serious increase of energy efficiency and conservation via system-wide efficiency investments (from both the consumers and the utilities).
- B. An aggressive approach to use locally produced renewable energy, such as distributed generation, utility-scale generation and thermal and electric fuel switching for heating, cooling, and transportation to replace imported fossil fuel use/reliance.
- C. Stimulate and encourage the private market to finance the infrastructure by minimizing policy risk, sending clear market signals, and better leveraging our minimal available public funds.

The Green Alliance represents over 100 green-leaning NH businesses and almost 4,000 green-minded NH residents. We hope you will consider this clear message sent from our community of citizens and entrepreneurs that believes that ultimate economic growth lies in growing our local green economies.

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